

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2010.04

Emergency Snow Relief Efforts – Vehicle Size and Weight Limits

- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has experienced a record amount of snowfall from the storm of February 6, 2010, and
- WHEREAS, The delivery of supplies and equipment to areas stricken by this storm is vital to the preservation of life and property, and
- WHEREAS, The facilitated movement of these supplies and equipment is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Maryland.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING RELIEF FROM WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO SNOW EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORTS:

1. Vehicles transporting equipment or supplies directly related to snow emergency relief are allowed a 15 % tolerance above any weight limit imposed by statute. Said tolerance shall be the only tolerance applicable to the vehicle. Vehicles exceeding this tolerance and carrying a non-divisible load shall obtain a hauling permit as required. No vehicle shall exceed any tire manufacturer's maximum load capacity rating.
2. The Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration, or the Administrator's designee may temporarily waive or modify hauling permit restrictions and conditions deemed safe and appropriate to facilitate relief efforts.
3. Carriers and drivers operating under the provisions of this declaration must adhere to all roadway restrictions of the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Transportation Authority and local jurisdictions regarding roadway and bridge size and weight limitations.
4. Nothing in this declaration relieves the carrier or driver of responsibility for the safe operation of the vehicle.
6. The provisions of this Order are not applicable to any part of the Interstate Highway System. Such relief is strictly under the purview of and must be independently declared by the appropriate federal agency. Any declaration so made and receiving concurrence by the Maryland Secretary of Transportation shall become a part of this Order.

7. This Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Governor.

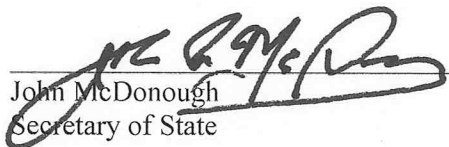
GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 8th Day of February, 2010.



Martin O'Malley
Governor



ATTEST:



John McDonough
Secretary of State